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Applicant : Morel
Serial. No : 09/641,417 Examiner : Fischer, J.
Filed : August 16, 2000 Group Art Unit : 1733
For : JUNCTION OF A TREAD WITH THE SIDEWALLS OF A TIRE

RESPONSE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 29, 2001, please
consider the following remarks. A petition for an extension of time and the requisite
extension of time fee are enclosed herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in the above-referenced application.
Reconsideration of the patentability of the claimed inventions is respectfully requested.

The Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Should Be Withdrawn

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being
rendered obvious in light of either Willard, Jr. (U.S. Patent No. 5,511,599, "Willard") or
Kita *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,527,606, "Kita"). The Examiner has rejected claims 2 and 3

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